

shackle

n. something that confines  
n. a length of cable  
n. chain

aquatic

adj. living in water  
n. animal or plant living in water  
n. water sports

pretentious

adj. making unjustified claims  
adj. ambitious

onslaught

n. fierce attack

subjugate

v. to control  
v. to conquer

embryo

n. something undeveloped  
n. animal or plant in the early stages of growth

brandish

v. to shake or wave menacingly  
v. to show off  
n. the act of shaking menacingly or showing off

sylvan

n. a person who goes into the  
woods  
adj. wooded

aerie

n. nest of a bird on a cliff  
n. birds of prey  
n. elevated dwelling

burrow

n. a hole  
v. to construct by tunneling  
v. to hide in a hole

pelt

n. skin with or without hair, wool, or fur  
v. to strip off the skin  
v. to strike  
v. hurl or throw  
v. to hurry

colossal

adj. astonishing degree  
adj. incredibly big

flail

n. a hand weapon  
v. to strike  
v. to thresh (grain)

emancipate

v. to free

paltry

adj. trashy  
adj. mean  
adj. meager

barren

adj. not reproducing  
adj. lacking interest or charm  
n. little vegetation on land

cloister

n. covered passage having one side open  
n. a monastery  
n. a secluded place  
v. to seclude

pittance

n. a small portion

abolish

v. to end the observance or affect of  
v. to destroy  
v. to get rid of

homely

adj. unattractive  
adj. characteristic of a dwelling

teem

v. to be present in large quantity  
v. to give birth  
v. to empty

bastion

n. a fortified area  
n. usually high up

purge

v. to clear of guilt  
v. to cause evacuation from  
v. to get rid of  
n. something that cleanses  
n. the removal of undesirable members

unavailing

adj. barren  
adj. empty  
adj. useless

aspire

v. to accomplish a goal  
v. to soar

charlatan

n. one making pretenses to ability

shortsighted

adj. nearsighted  
adj. lacking vision

termagant

n. violent Islamic deity (according to Medieval Christians)  
n. nagging woman

grovel

v. to crawl  
v. to abase oneself  
v. to wallow

provincial

n. one living in or coming from a territory  
n. a person lacking urban experience/style  
n. narrow outlook  
adj. unsophisticated

serf

n. member of feudal class bound  
to the land

abound

v. to be present in large numbers

provident

adj. frugal  
adj. saving

agnostic

n. someone unwilling to commit to something  
adj. noncommittal

carp

v. to complain a lot  
n. a complaint  
n. Asian fish

august

n. the eight month  
adj. majestic

levee

n. a reception usually in honor of a particular person  
n. an embankment for preventing flooding  
v. to provide with a barrier

straddle

v. to spread out irregularly  
v. to favor two opposite sides  
n. a noncommittal person

verdant

adj. green with vegetation or color  
adj. inexperienced

sleight of hand

n. a clever trick or deception



expatiate

v. to move freely  
v. to speak or write at length

crude

adj. unripe  
adj. in a natural state  
adj. primitive  
adj. inexpert in plan or execution  
adj. obvious  
n. a substance in its natural unprocessed state

altruism

n. unselfish regard for the welfare of others  
n. charity

trample

v. to injure by crushing or  
treading

abject

adj. in a low state or condition  
adj. showing hopelessness

pundit

n. a learned person  
n. a person who gives opinions in an  
authoritative manner  
n. critic

vacillate

v. to waver in mind  
v. indecisive

urbane

adj. sophisticated

guile

n. deceitful trick

promontory

n. high point of land or rock